### READY FOR SEA

#### COAST GUARD FISHING VESSEL DOCKSIDE EXAMINATION PROGRAM

Is your vessel "Ready for Sea"? Is it in compliance with all Coast Guard regulations? If your answer is "I'm not sure", read on.

Would you prefer to have the Coast Guard conduct an exam of your vessel at a convenient time for you while at the pier rather than at-sea? If your answer is Yes, call one of the numbers listed in this brochure and schedule a Coast Guard voluntary **Dockside Examination** of your vessel.

The Dockside Examination is free of charge! A qualified Coast Guard Dockside Examiner will accompany you in an evaluation of the condition of your vessel and will assess the level of compliance with applicable Coast Guard requirements. If discrepancies are found, **no** citations are issued! Instead a work list is provided.

After completion of the work list, you may contact the Coast Guard for a follow-up exam and issuance of a Coast Guard Dockside Examination Decal.

The decision is yours! You will not be pressured into obtaining a dockside examination decal.

If you do receive a decal, it is valid for two years provided the safety equipment is maintained and remains on board.

## Why should I schedule a Dockside Examination?

1. You can increase the chances of you, your crew's and your vessel's "Safe Return" to port if you have another individual evaluate the safety of your vessel. A Coast Guard Dockside Examination is a free safety survey.



- 2. You can ensure you are in compliance with applicable safety and environmental regulations. In doing so you avoid incurring penalties or termination of voyage, for serious infractions, if found in non-compliance at sea by the Coast Guard.
- 3. Another person looking over your safety equipment and vessel condition could point out problems you hadn't noticed.
- 4. You will be provided a "Ready for Sea" check off list and other safety information by the Coast Guard dockside examiner.
- 5. If you are boarded by the Coast Guard at-sea inspection of safety equipment will be expedited if your vessel has a valid Dockside Examination Decal.
- 6. You are less likely to have a Coast Guard at-sea boarding. A Coast Guard **Dockside Examination Decal** indicates your vessel is in compliance with applicable regulations. When encountering a fleet of vessels, Coast Guard cutters will focus their boarding efforts on vessels that have not taken safety measures, those that don't have decals
- 7. It may reduce insurance costs (contact your insurance company to see what they offer).

#### Sounds great! Where do I sign up?

#### Call the nearest Coast Guard office:

Anchorage	(907) 271-6700
<b>Dutch Harbor</b>	(907) 581-3466
Juneau	(907) 463-2450
Kenai	(907) 283-3292
Ketchikan	(907) 225-4496
Kodiak	(907) 486-5918
Sitka	(907) 966-5454
Valdez	(907) 835-7223
Seattle	(206) 217-6180
Portland	(503) 240-9337





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